

**WEED CONTROL BOARD MEETING  
DECEMBER 5, 2014– 8:00 AM**

**1. MEETING TO ORDER**

A meeting of the Cass County Weed Control Board was called to order at 10:00 AM on Monday, December 8, 2014, in the Weed Control Office building with the following members present: Ken Hagen, Chris Murch, and Clayton Brennan. Also present were Stanley Wolf, Cass County Weed Control Officer; Mary Scherling, Cass County Commissioner, Alicia Hildebrand, Accountant; and DeAnn Buckhouse, Senior Clerk.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

***MOTION, passed***

**Mr. Brennan moved and Mr. Murch seconded to approve the meeting minutes from November 10, 2014. Motion carried.**

**3. AGENDA, Amended Order approved**

Mr. Wolf requested the agenda be amended to include the Kubota purchase bid and remove the seasonal field aid.

***MOTION, passed***

**Mr. Brennan moved and Mr. Murch seconded to approve the amended order of the agenda. Motion carried.**

**4. APPROVAL OF BILLS**

***MOTION, passed***

**Mr. Brennan moved and Mr. Murch seconded to approve the bills for December as presented. Motion carried.**

**5. WEED OFFICER PERFORMANCE EVALUATION**

The yearly performance evaluation is due. A copy of last year's evaluation and the performance objectives were forwarded to the board members for review.

***MOTION, passed***

**Mr. Brennan moved and Mr. Murch seconded to approve the 2014 performance review for Mr. Wolf as presented. Motion carried.**

**6. KUBOTA BID**

Mr. Wolf reviewed the bid received from Fargo Tractor to replace the current Kubota. Discussion was held regarding the bid.

***MOTION, passed***

**Mr. Brennan moved and Mr. Murch seconded to approve the purchase new Kubota & trade of the existing Kubota as presented. Motion carried.**

**7. MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT**

Spray projects summary: Following is a summary of all weed control spray projects conducted by hired contractors and weed control staff during the 2014 weed control season:

	<u>Acres</u>
Contractors	8333
Weed Control Staff :	
Road ditches	31.5
Trees and brush	1
County flood lots	34.5
County Jail	18
Water Resources	205.5
County Park	18
City of Fargo	0.5

A total of 8642 acres were sprayed with Weed Control staff spraying 309 acres. As noted above, the bulk of the acres covered by WC staff were Water Resource properties including the Sheyenne Diversion, Maple River Dam project area and numerous drains across the county. Discussion was held regarding contracted services and how that works for the Weed Control department.

Noxious Weed Development Fund proposal: The North Dakota Weed Control Association is promoting the idea of a Noxious Weed Development Fund which would provide funding for various projects to include noxious weed research, bio-control agents, improve pasture weed control, education of landowners, crop and livestock producers, and the general public.

Governor's Property tax reform: The North Dakota Governor's property tax reform proposal as written will affect city and county noxious weed boards. The NDWCA will be looking into the bill proposal and work with legislators during the upcoming legislative session to provide a good bill.

OpenGov: Mr. Wolf reviewed OpenGov with the board members. This is a tool on the Cass County website that allows the public to access financial information regarding the different county departments in a more user-friendly way.

#### **8. UPCOMING EVENTS:**

RRVARC Research Partners	Dec 18, Fargo
NDWCA Annual Conference	Jan 6-8, 2015, Mandan
Wild World of Weeds	Jan 20, 2015, Fargo
Soil/Water Workshop	Jan 21, 2015, Fargo

#### **9. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 AM.

Minutes prepared by DeAnn Buckhouse, Senior Clerk